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RETURN

OF

PROCEEDINGS

UNDER

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IRISH LAND COMMISSION

MONTH OF NOVEMBER, 1899.

Summary of Proceedings under "The Land Law Acts," up to the 30th day of November, 1899; also of Proceedings up to same date, under "The Labourers (Ireland) Acts, 1883–1891," and under "The Land Purchase Acts."

COURT OF THE IRISH LAND COMMISSION.

I.—Fair Rent.

(a) *In Court.*

FIRST STATUTORY TERM.

Applications under "Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1881," to have Fair Rents fixed in Court to 31st October, 1899, . .	196,158		Rents Fixed—		
Applications received in month of November, 1899, . .	175	196,333	By Chief Commission to 31st October, 1899, .	4,638	
			,, in month of Nov., 1899, . . .	4	4,642
Applications under "Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1881," to have Fair Rents fixed in Court, transferred from Civil Bill Courts, to 31st October, 1899, .	10,496				
Do. in month of Nov., 1899,	2	10,498	By Sub-Commissions to 31st October, 1899, .	167,544	
			,, in month of Nov., 1899,	232	167,776
Applications by Leaseholders under "Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1887," to have Fair Rents fixed in Court to 31st October, 1899,	30,043				
Applications received in month of November, 1899, . .	8	30,051			
Number of Cases under the "Redemption of Rent (Ireland) Act, 1891," which were treated as Applications to fix Fair Rents,* to 31st October, 1899,	1,264		Dismissed—		
,, received in Nov., 1899, .	6	1,270	To 31st October, 1899, . .	9,159	
			In month of November, 1899,	28	9,187
Applications by Leaseholders under "Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1887," to have Fair Rents fixed in Court, transferred from Civil Bill Courts, to 31st Oct., 1899,	1,461				
Do. in month of Nov., 1899,	—	1,461	Struck out—		
			To 31st October, 1899, . .	36,733	
			In month of November, 1899, .	46	36,779
Applications by Joint Tenants or Tenants in common to fix Fair Rents of portions of Holdings separately worked and occupied by them, under Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1896, to 31st Oct., 1899, ...	467				
Do. in month of Nov., 1899,	—	467	Withdrawn†—		
			To 31st October, 1899, . .	15,062	
			In month of November, 1899,	17	15,079
Applications by Joint Tenants or Tenants in Common to fix Fair Rents of portions of Holdings separately worked and occupied by them, under "Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1896," transferred from Civil Bill Courts to 31st October, 1899, . .	38				
Do. in month of Nov., 1899,	—	38			
Total, . . .	—	240,118	Total disposed of,	—	233,463

* These cases are also included in Redemption of Rent, Table (IX.), page 16.

† An application to fix a Fair Rent cannot be withdrawn without the consent of both Landlord and Tenant, and it may be inferred, where applications for leave to withdraw are made, that a rent has been agreed upon between the parties.

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SECOND STATUTORY TERM.

Applications under "Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1881," to have Fair Rents fixed in Court for a Second Statutory Term to 31st October, 1899, ...	50,142		Rents fixed—		
Applications received in month of November, 1899, . . .	634	50,776	By Chief Commission to 31st October, 1899, .	744	
Applications under "Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1881," to have Fair Rents fixed in Court for a Second Statutory Term transferred from Civil Bill Courts to 31st October, 1899, . . .	3,538		„ in month of November, 1899, . . .	6	750
Do. in month of November, 1899, . . .	15	3,553	By Sub-Commissions to 31st October, 1899, .	22,323	
			„ in month of November, 1899, . . .	791	23,114
			Dismissed—		
			To 31st October, 1899, . .	567	
			In month of November, 1899, .	9	576
			Struck out—		
			To 31st October, 1899, . .	4,737	
			In month of November, 1899, .	141	4,878
			Withdrawn*—		
			To 31st October, 1899, . .	838	
			In month of November, 1899, .	6	844
Total, ...	—	54,329	Total disposed of, .	—	30,162

* An application to fix a Fair Rent cannot be withdrawn without the consent of both Landlord and Tenant, and it may be inferred, where applications for leave to withdraw are made, that a rent has been agreed upon between the parties.

(b.) *Out of Court.*

FIRST STATUTORY TERM.

Agreements out of Court, in Form 44, fixing Fair Rent to 31st October, 1899, ...	128,195
Do., do. in month of November, 1899, ...	348
Total, ...	128,543

SECOND STATUTORY TERM.

Agreements out of Court, in Form 45, fixing Fair Rent for a Second Statutory Term to 31st October, 1899, ...	19,548
Do., do., in month of November, 1899, .	730
Total, ...	20,278

II.—Miscellaneous Originating Notices.†

Miscellaneous Originating Notices, (*e.g.*, Sale of Tenancies and Resumption of Holdings, &c.):			Number disposed of to 31st Oct., 1899,	2,660
Applications received to 31st October, 1899, . . .	1,809		„ in month of Nov., 1899,	10
Applications received in month of November, 1899, . .	5	1,814		
Miscellaneous Originating Notices (*e.g.*, Sale of Tenancies and Resumption of Holdings, &c.) transferred from Civil Bill Courts to 31st October, 1899, .	43			
Do., in month of November, 1899	—	43		
Applications by Leaseholders to be declared Tenants of present tenancies (Form 33) received to 31st October, 1899, . . .	1,063			
Applications in month of Nov., 1899, ...	—	1,063		
Total, ...	—	2,920	Total disposed of, . .	2,670

† The first notice of application to the Court, seeking its decision upon the true value of a tenancy, fair rent, avoidance of leases, or any other question which the Court has jurisdiction to decide under the Act, is termed an Originating Notice.

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III.—Applications by Lessee or Grantee to have Lease or Grant executed since 1st January, 1869, declared Void ("Land Law Ireland Act, 1887,"—sec. 2.)—Form 80.

Number of Applications received to 23rd February, 1888,*	55	Leases or Grants declared void to 31st Oct., 1899, .	22	
		„ in month of Nov., 1899, . . .	—	22
		Applications dismissed or struck out to 31st Oct., 1899, . . .	30	
		„ in month of Nov., 1899, . . .	—	30
		Applications withdrawn or compromised to 31st October, 1899, .	3	
		„ in month of Nov., 1899, . . .	—	3
Total, ...	55	Total disposed of, .	—	55

* The time limited in the Act for lodging an Application of this kind expired on the 23rd February, 1888.

IV.—Applications by Middleman claiming to be entitled to surrender his Holding under sec. 8 of "Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1887."—Form 38.

Number of Applications received to 31st Oct., 1899, .	19		Applications granted to 31st October, 1899, .	6	
„ in month of Nov., 1899,	—	19	„ in month of Nov., 1899,	—	6
„ Transferred from Civil Bill Courts to 31st October, 1899, . .	3		Applications dismissed or struck out to 31st Oct., 1899, . .	11	
„ in month of Nov., 1899,	—	3	„ in month of Nov., 1899,	—	11
			Applications withdrawn to 31st October, 1899, .	3	
			„ in month of Nov., 1899,	—	3
Total, ...	—	22	Total disposed of, .	—	20

V.—Proceedings under the Labourers (Ireland) Acts, 1883–1891.

Applications received to 31st October, 1899, ...	4,356	Rents fixed to 31st October, 1899,	3,931	
„ in November, 1899, . .	—	„ in November, 1899,	—	3,931
		Applications dismissed, struck out, and withdrawn to 31st Oct., 1899, .	405	
		„ in Nov., 1899, .	—	405
Total, ...	4,356	Total disposed of, .	—	4,336

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VI.—Appeals *re* Fair Rents, &c.

FIRST STATUTORY TERM.

Number of Appeals lodged to 31st Oct., 1899.	49,660	Number heard to 31st Oct., 1899,	24,820	
„ in month of November, 1899,	27	„ in month of Nov., 1899, . .	16	24,836
		Number dismissed or struck out to 31st Oct., 1899, .	801	
		„ in month of Nov., 1899, . .	—	801
		Number withdrawn to 31st Oct., 1899, . .	21,676	
		„ in month of Nov., 1899, . .	25	21,701
		Total Number disposed of, .	—	47,338
		Remaining to be disposed of, .	—	2,349
Total, . . .	49,687	Total, . . .	—	49,687

SECOND STATUTORY TERM.

Number of Appeals lodged during Second Statutory Term to 31st Oct., 1899, .	13,169	Number heard to 31st Oct., 1899,	3,596	
„ in month of November, 1899,	64	„ in month of Nov., 1899, . . .	38	3,634
		Number dismissed or struck out to 31st Oct., 1899, .	—	
		„ in month of Nov., 1899, . . .	—	—
		Number withdrawn to 31st Oct., 1899, . . .	1,835	
		„ in month of Nov., 1899, . . .	82	1,917
		Total Number disposed of, .	—	5,551
		Remaining to be disposed of, .	—	7,682
Total, . . .	13,233	Total, . . .	—	13,233

VII.—Purchase of Land (Ireland) Acts, 1885 and 1888.

—	Number.	Amount.
Loans applied for to 31st October, 1899, ...	29,179	11,452,066
„ in month of November, 1899, ...	—	—
	29,179	11,452,066
Deduct Applications refused, ...	3,811	1,459,426
	25,368	9,992,640
Loans sanctioned to 31st October, 1899, ...	25,368	9,992,640
Loans sanctioned in month of November, 1899, ...	—	—
	25,368	9,992,640
Loans issued to 31st October, 1899.	25,367	9,992,515
Loans issued in month of November, 1899, ...	—	—
	25,367	9,992,515

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VIII.—Purchase of Land (Ireland) Acts, 1891, 1896.

——	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.
		£		£
Loans applied for to 31st October, 1899, ...	26,935	8,086,192		
Less applications since withdrawn, ...	33	7,808		
	26,902	8,078,384		
Loans applied for in month of November, 1899, . .	737	168,161	27,639	8,246,545
Loans applied for (Section 40, Act, 1896), to 31st Oct., 1899, ...	621	196,652		
„ in month of November, 1899, . .	146	30,826	767	227,478
Loans applied for (Redemption of Rent Act, 1891), to 31st October, 1899, ...	109	106,594		
„ in month of November, 1899, . .	—	—	109	106,594
Loans applied for (Section 43, Act, 1896), to 31st Oct., 1899, ...	14	282,488		
„ in month of November, 1899, . .	1	2,361	15	284,849
Loans applied for in cases of Purchase of Estates (Section 5, Act, 1895), to 31st October, 1899, .	2,835	749,767		
„ in month of November, 1899, . .	—	—	2,835	749,767
Total number of Loans applied for to 30th November, 1899,	—	—	31,365	9,615,233
Less applications refused to 30th November, 1899, . .	1,005	411,492		
„ „ in cases of Purchase of Estates (Section 5, Act, 1885), to 30th November, 1899, . . .	1,077	302,244	2,082	713,736
			29,283	8,901,497
Loans sanctioned to 31st October, 1899, . .	21,322	6,606,958		
„ in month of November, 1899, . .	744	183,157	22,066	6,790,115
Loans sanctioned (Section 40, Act, 1896), to 31st Oct., 1899, ...	621	196,652		
„ in month of November, 1899, . .	146	30,826	767	227,478
Loans sanctioned (Redemption of Rent Act, 1891), to 31st October, 1899, ...	109	106,594		
„ in month of November, 1899, . .	—	—	109	106,594
Loans sanctioned (Section 43, Act, 1896), to 31st Oct., 1899, ...	14	282,488		
„ in month of November, 1899, . .	1	2,361	15	284,849
Loans sanctioned in cases of Purchase of Estates (Section 5, Act, 1885), to 31st Oct., 1899, .	1,758	447,523		
„ in month of November, 1899, . .	—	—	1,758	447,523
Total number of Loans sanctioned to 30th November, 1899,	—	—	24,715	7,856,559
Less applications rescinded to the 30th November, 1899, .	—	—	65	13,674
			24,650	7,842,885
Loans issued to 31st October, 1899, ...	17,249	5,381,792		
„ in month of November, 1899, . . .	406	141,008	176,655	5,522,800
„ (Section 40, Act. 1896), to 31st Oct., 1899, .	621	196,652		
„ in month of November, 1899, . . .	146	30,826	767	227,478
„ (Redemption of Rent Act, 1891), to 31st October, 1899, ...	83	82,169		
„ in month of November, 1899, . . .	1	480	84	82,649
„ (Section 43, Act, 1896), to 31st Oct., 1899, .	14	282,488		
„ in month of November, 1899, . . .	1	2,361	15	284,849
„ in cases of Purchase of Estates (Section 5, Act, 1885), to 31st October, 1899, . .	1,758	447,523		
„ in month of November, 1899, . . .	—	—	1,758	447,523
			20,279	6,565,299

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IX.—Redemption of Rent (Ireland) Act, 1891.

Applications received to 31st October, 1899, . .	1,440	Number of cases in which Consents to Redemption of Rent have been received and cases treated as Agreements to Purchase to 31st October, 1899, .	169	
„ in November, 1899, .	4	Number received in November, 1899, .	—	169
		Number of cases in which no Consents were received and which were treated as applications to fix Fair Rents* to 31st October, 1899, . .	1,264	
		Number of cases in which time had expired for receiving consents in month of November, 1899, .	6	1,270
				1,439
		Number of cases in which applications have been received but where time for lodgment of consent has not expired,	—	5
Total, . . .	1,444	Total, . . .	—	1,444

* Applications treated as Fair Rent cases are also included in Fair Rent Table (a) page 3

CIVIL BILL COURTS.

MONTH OF NOVEMBER, 1899.

Summary of Proceedings under the "Land Law Acts" as notified to the Irish Land Commission, up to the 30th day of November, 1899.

I.—Fair Rent.

(a.) *In Court.*

FIRST STATUTORY TERM.

Applications under "Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1881," to have Fair Rents fixed in Court to 31st October, 1899, . .	32,127		Rents fixed to 31st Oct., 1899, .	18,196	
Applications received in month of November, 1899, . .	41	32,168	„ in month of November, 1899, .	32	18,228
Applications by Leaseholders under "Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1887," to have Fair Rents fixed to 31st October, 1899, .	4,360		Applications dismissed or struck out to 31st Oct., 1899, . . .	4,081	
Applications received in month of November, 1899, . . .	5	4,365	„ in month of November, 1899, . . .	—	4,081
Applications to fix Fair Rents in Civil Bill Courts under sec. 6 "Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1887," when an ejectment is pending, to 31st Oct., 1899,	2,557		Applications withdrawn* to 31st October, 1899, .	509	
Applications received in month of November, 1899, . . .	1	2,558	„ in month of November, 1899, . . .	—	509
Applications by Joint Tenants, or Tenants in Common, to fix Fair Rents of portions of Holdings separately worked and occupied by them under "Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1896," to 31st October, 1899, . .	109		Applications transferred to Irish Land Commission Court to 31st October, 1899. .	11,957	
Applications received in month of November, 1899, . .	2	111	„ in month of Nov., 1899,	2	11,959
			Applications by Joint Tenants, or Tenants in Common, to fix Fair Rents of portions of Holdings separately worked and occupied by them under "Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1896," transferred to the Irish Land Commission to the 31st Oct., 1899, ...	38	
			„ in month of Nov., 1899,	—	38
Total. . . .	—	39,202	Total disposed of, .	—	34,815

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SECOND STATUTORY TERM.

Applications under "Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1881," to have Fair Rents fixed in Court for a Second Statutory Term to 31st October, 1899.	6,649		Rents fixed to 31st Oct., 1899,	1,776	
			„ in month of Nov., 1899,	52	1,828
Applications received in month of Nov., 1899, ...	92		Applications dismissed or struck out to 31st Oct., 1899, . . .	215	
			„ in month of Nov., 1899, . . .	—	215
			Applications withdrawn* to 31st Oct., 1899, . .	83	
			„ in month of Nov., 1899, . . .	—	83
			Applications transferred to Irish Land Commission, to 31st Oct., 1899,	3,538	
			„ in month of Nov., 1899, . . .	15	3,553
Total, . .	6,741		Total disposed of, .	—	5,679

* An Application to fix a Fair Rent cannot be withdrawn without the consent of both Landlord and Tenant, and it may be inferred where applications for leave to withdraw are made, that a rent has been agreed upon between the parties.

(b.) *Out of Court.*

FIRST STATUTORY TERM.

Agreements out of Court, in Form No. 44, fixing Fair Rent to 31st October, 1899, . .	7,318
Do., do. in month of November, 1899, . .	—
Total, ...	7,318

SECOND STATUTORY TERM.

Agreements out of Court, in Form 45, fixing a Fair Rent for a Second Statutory Term, received to 31st October, 1899, ...	125
Do., do., in month of November, 1899, . .	—
Total, ...	125

II.—Miscellaneous Originating Notices.*

Miscellaneous Originating Notices (*e.g.*, Sale of Tenancies and Resumption of Holdings, &c.): Applications received to 31st October, 1899, . .	638		Number disposed of to 31st October, 1899, .	346	
			„ in month of Nov., 1899, . . .	2	348
Applications received in month of November, 1899,	2	640	Transferred to Irish Land Commission Court to 31st Oct., 1899, ...	42	
Applications by Leaseholders to be declared Tenants of present Tenancies (Form 33) received to 31st October, 1899, . .	3		Transferred in month of Nov., 1899, ...	—	42
Applications received in month of November, 1899,	—	3			
Total, . . .	—	643	Total disposed of, .	—	390

* The first notice of application to the Court, seeking its decision upon the true value of a tenancy, fair rent, avoidance of leases, or any other question which the Court has jurisdiction to decide under the Act, is termed an Originating Notice.

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III.—Applications by Lessee or Grantee to have Lease or Grant executed since 1st January, 1869, declared Void ("Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1887,"—sec. 2).—Form 80.

Number of Applications received to 23rd February, 1888,*	6	Leases or Grants declared void to 31st Oct., 1899, .	—	
		„ in month of Nov., 1899,	—	—
		Applications dismissed or struck out to 31st Oct., 1899, . .	6	
		„ in month of Nov., 1899,	—	6
		Applications withdrawn or compromised to 31st October, 1899, .	—	
		„ in month of Nov., 1899,	—	—
		Applications transferred to Irish Land Commission Court to 31st October, 1899, .	—	
		„ in month of Nov, 1899,	—	—
Total, . . .	6	Total disposed of,	—	6

* The time Limited in the Act for lodging an Application of this kind expired on the 23rd February, 1888.

IV.—Applications by Middleman claiming to be entitled to surrender his holding under sec. 8 of "Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1887."—Form 38.

Number of Applications received to 31st October, 1899, . .	22	Applications granted to 31st Oct., 1899, . .	3	
„ in month of November, 1899,	—	„ in month of Nov., 1899,	—	3
		Applications dismissed or struck out to 31st Oct., 1899, . .	4	
		„ in month of Nov., 1899,	—	4
		Applications withdrawn to 31st October, 1899, .	1	
		„ in month of Nov., 1899,	—	1
		Applications transferred to Irish Land Commission Court to 31st October, 1899, .	3	
		„ in month of Nov., 1899,	—	3
Total, . . .	22	Total disposed of, .	—	11

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